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FOLLOWING SENT SECSTATE WASHDC INFO CANBERRA DACCA ISLAMABAD
JAKARTA LIMA LONDON MOSCOW NAIROBI NEW DELHI NOUAKCHOTT
PARIS PEKING SAN JOSE VIENNA YAOUNDE FROM USUN NEW YORK
18 MAY 74:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 1860

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SUBJ: BANGLADESH MEMBERSHIP IN UN

1. KENAYAN AMBASSADOR, PRESIDENT SECURITY COUNCIL, HELD
SERIES OF INFORMAL MEETINGS WITH SC MEMBERS MAY 17 TO
ASCERTAIN VIEWS ON TIMING BD MEMBERSHIP ACTION. FOLLOWING
RUNDOWN APPEARS RELIABLE:

A. FOR IMMEDIATE ACCEPTANCE OF BANGLADESH: BYELORUSSIA,
COSTA RICA, FRANCE, IRAQ, USSR. UK ALSO PREFERS QUICK
ACTION AND SEES NO REASON FOR FURTHER DELAY.

B. READY TO GO AHEAD NOW BUT PREPARED ACCEPTANCE
MAJORITY VIEW: SC: AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, US.

C. LEANING TOWARD DELAY AS RESULT PAKISTANI URGING:
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CAMEROON, INDONESIA, MAURETANIA. PERU ALSO LEANS TOWARD PAKISTAN

POSITION. KENYA GOES ALONG WITH BANGLADESH DESIRES, BUT THERE IS SOME EVIDENCE PAKISTAN HAS MADE SOME IMPACT.

2. ACCORDING SC PRESIDENT, CHINESE POSITION WAS THAT THEY NO LONGER HAVE OBJECTION TO BD MEMBERSHIP BUT THOUGHT IT WOULD BE BETTER TO WAIT A BIT TO ENABLE PAKISTAN TO GIVE PUBLIC SUPPORT TO BD APPLICATION. CHINA "WAS AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS" AND IT IS NOT CLEAR WHAT HERE POSITION WILL ACTUALLY BE WHEN SC MEETS.

3. DURING US CONSULTATION WITH SC PRESIDENT WE TOOK POSITION MENTIONED IN ABOVE LISTING BUT WENT ON TO EMPHASIZE DESIRABILITY OF REFERRING BD APPLICATION TO COMMITTEE ON ADMISSIONS. WE MADE CLEAR OUR POSITION WAS BASED ON PRINCIPLE IN FAVOR OF COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF ALL APPLICATIONS AS GENERAL PRACTICE AND WAS NOT BASED ON ANY PROBLEM WITH PRESENT APPLICATION. SC PRESIDENT STATED HE DID NOT BELIEVE HE HAD AUTHORITY TO REFER APPLICATION DIRECTLY TO COMMITTEE ON ADMISSIONS HIMSELF, BUT WOULD PREFER TO HAVE BRIEF MEETING OF COUNCIL ("TWO OR THREE MINUTES") AND ACCOMPLISH REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE IN THAT FASHION. THERE SEEMED NO DOUBT IN HIS MIND THAT MATTER SHOULD GO TO COMMITTEE AND WE BELIEVE MOST OTHER MEMBERS ALSO LOOK ON REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE AS THE NATURAL COURSE OF EVENTS. AUSTRALIAN REP MCINTYRE COMMENTED TO AMBASSADOR BENNETT THAT, IF GATHERING PAKISTANI CAMPAIN MEANT THAT THERE MIGHT BE STRONG PRESSURES TOWARDS DELAY ON BD TO EXTENT OF AFFECTING CONSENSUS, THEN IT WOULD BE BETTER TO SORT OUT THAT KIND OF TROUBLE IN COMMITTEE ON ADMISSIONS RATHER THAN IN SC.

4. PAKISTAN IS WORKING ACTIVELY FOR DELAY, WHILE INSISTING IT NO LONGER HAS OBJECTION TO BD MEMBERSHIP. CHINA APPEARS TO BE GIVING FULL SUPPORT TO PAKS AND KENYANS MAY BE SOMEWHAT INFLUENCED BY CHINESE ATTITUDE, IN ADDITION TO THOSE LISTED ABOVE WHO NOW LEAN TOWARD DELAY.

5. PAK REP AKHUND TELEPHONED BENNETT AFTERNOON MAY 17 AND ALONG SAME LINES REPORTED USUN 1803 REPEATED HIS PITCH
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FOR DELAY. BENNETT EXPLAINED OUR POSITION AND AKHUND SUGGESTED THAT IF APPLICATION WERE REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ADMISSIONS IT COULD BE ALLOWED TO LIE THERE FOR A TIME. AKHUND ALSO REPORTED THAT KARIM OF BANGLADESH HAD CALLED ON CHINESE, IN FIRST MEETING BETWEEN CHINESE AND BANGLADESH, TO SEEK CHINESE SUPPORT. ACCORDING TO AKHUND AFTER CHINESE HAD STATED THEIR POSITION, KARIM TOOK TACK OF POINTING OUT TO THE CHINESE THAT

HIS LETTER TO SC PRESIDENT REQUESTING RECONSIDERATION OF BANGLADEHS APPLICATION DID NOT INCLUDE ANY DATE. AKHUND TOLD BENNETT THAT SOVIET REP MALIK HAD TAKEN VERY FIRM POSITION WITH HIM IN FAVOR OF IMMEDIATE ACTION BY SC IN FAVOR OF BD MEMBERSHIP.

6 COMMENT: WITH RESPECT PAK REPORT OF BD STATEMENT TO CHINESE, BANGLADESH LETTER SPEAKS OF DECISION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY "AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY."
KARIM OF BANGLADEHS HAS URGED TO US AND WE BELIEVE TO ALL OTHERS THAT SC DISPOSE OF MATTER DURING MAY. HE IS WORKING WITH SENSE OF PERSONAL URGENCY. IN VIEW OF PAKISTAN CAMPAIGN, HOWEVER, WITH CHINESE SUPPORT, MATTER NOW SEEMS LESS SURE THAN EARLIER. SCALI UNQUOTE RUSH

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